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THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES DOMAGAYA AS PART OF QUÉBEC CITY'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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Quebec City (June 9, 2008) - People celebrating the 400th anniversary of Québec City will be able to enjoy a dynamic multi-media experience featuring daily speakers and a 360-degree multimedia projection, thanks to an investment by the Government of Canada.

Domagaya*: *the Meeting of Aboriginal Cultures and Digital Arts, is an official event of the Québec City 400th Anniversary Celebrations, and will be held from June 21 to July 1, 2008 at the Louise Basin in the Old Port of Quebec. Staged within a 9-metre high dome, ***Domagaya*** will offer visitors a dynamic multi-media experience featuring a unique 360-degree multimedia immersive projection, and daily keynote speakers. There will also be electrifying MixSession evenings featuring dazzling performances of Aboriginal DJs and DJs.

The announcement was made today by the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, and the Honourable Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women, and Official Languages and Minister for La Francophonie.

"Our government is proud to support the presentation of this contemporary picture of Aboriginal communities and people. Visitors to ***Domagaya*** will experience the richness Aboriginal cultures through a unique musical and visual experience," said Minister Strahl. "I would like to thank the Huron-Wendat First Nation, the host Nation for the 400th anniversary celebrations, as well as the Makivik Corporation and the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador, for their collaboration in the programming of this event."

"As the Minister responsible for Québec City's 400th Anniversary Celebrations and the Québec Region, I am proud our government contributed to this project, which will add a valuable dimension to the celebrations," said Minister Verner. "Québec City marks the spot where First Nations encountered Europeans and established the intercultural dialogue that is a vital element of Canadian identity. Few cities in North America can celebrate such a storied past."

"This year as we celebrate 400 years of history together under the theme *The Encounter*, it is essential to remember those who were here well before us. ***Domagaya*** blends the past with the present by helping us discover through technology the realities and the rich cultures of Aboriginal people – who are part and parcel of the 2008 Celebrations", said Mr. Daniel Gélinas, Director General of the Corporation of Quebec City's 400th Anniversary Celebrations.

The Government of Canada invested $500,000 in the *Society for Arts and Technologies* (SAT) for the organization, production and management of this event. ***Domagaya*** is presented by SAT, in collaboration with the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador, Makivik Corporation and the Huron-Wendat Nation. ***Domagaya*** will be officially launched on National Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2008.

The event is named after ***Domagaya***, the son of Chief Donnacona of the Stadacona, an Iroquois village that was located at the present site of Québec City. Domagaya contributed to saving Jacques Cartier's crew from scurvy during their first winter in the New World in 1535-1536.

The year 2008 is a historic year for all of Canada and for North America. It was in 1608, when Québec City was founded, that we truly began our journey to become what we are today. The foundation of Québec City also

marks the foundation of the Canadian State.

Throughout 2008, Canada will be celebrating four centuries of history — Québec City's 400th anniversary.

For more detailed information on the ***Domagaya*** programming, visit the SAT's Web Site .

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